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Comments: After reviewing the materials provided for the Square Butte Waterline Project in Billings County, North Dakota the USFWS would offer the following comments:

1. The Project Action Area should be entered into the USFWS-IPAC program for additional analysis of ESA species and recommendations for consultation.
2. Areas of native prairie should be surveyed for the presence of suitable Dakota skipper habitat. If present, then occupancy surveys would be warranted by a permitted DASK surveyor.
3. Impacts to trees should be noted and considered with the Endangered listing of Northern long-eared bats. Surveys for this species may be appropriate. HDD could be utilized to avoid and minimize impacts to wooded draws.
4. Dust should be controlled during all phases of construction.
5. Disturbed habitat should be reclaimed immediately. Forbes could be added to seed mix employed to enhance the area for pollinators.